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Appli. No. : 09/626,312 Group No. : 3724  
Filed : July 26, 2000 Examiner : Omar Flores-Sánchez  
For : Device for Adjusting the Phase of Perforating Devices as a Function of the  
Folding Mode

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

#### **TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:
  - i.  Prior to abandonment of the application
  - ii.  Payment of the issue fee
    - Prior to payment of the issue fee
    - Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
  - iii.  Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
    - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
  - iv.  Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
    - Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
    - Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
    - Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

#### **SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

3. a) Previously submitted
  - Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
  - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
  - Other
- b) Enclosed herewith is:
  - An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)
  - Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
  - An amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
  - New arguments
  - New evidence in support of patentability
  - Other:

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## FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:

Large entity \$750.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$750.00

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

|   | (Col. 1)                         |       | (Col. 2)                        | (Col. 3)      | Small Entity    |          |    | Large Entity    |          |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|----|-----------------|----------|
|   | Claims remaining after amendment |       | Highest No. previously paid for | Present Extra | Rate            | Add. Fee | Or | Rate            | Add. Fee |
| Total   | 17                               | Minus |                                 |               | x\$9=           | \$       |    | x\$18=          | \$       |
| Indep.  | 3                                | Minus |                                 |               | x\$42=          | \$       |    | x\$84=          | \$       |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims |                                  |       |                                 |               | +\$140=         | \$       |    | +\$280=         |          |
|   |                                  |       |                                 |               | Total Addit.Fee |          | Or | Total Addit.Fee |          |

- (c)  No additional fee is required.

## EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) No extension of time is necessary.

## TOTAL FEE DUE

7. The total fee due is:

Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e)) \$750.00  
Total Fee(s) Due \$750.00

## **PAYMENT OF FEE DUE**

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:

- Charge Credit Card the sum of \$750.00  
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

Please charge any required additional fees for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or  
§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

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## **INVENTORSHIP**

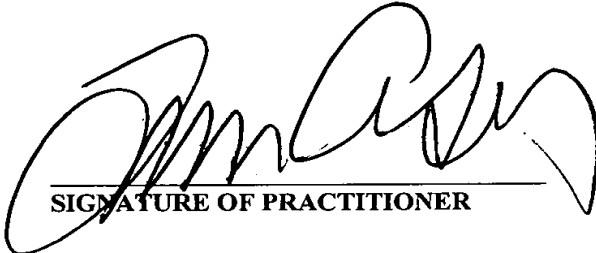
9. This application as amended names as inventors:

- the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

## **10. Instructions as to Overpayment**

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